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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 26, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CANDICE S. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Mark Vander Meer, Pastor, Monocacy Valley Church, Ijamsville, Maryland, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before You in awe and wonder, recognizing that it is by Your grace and sustaining love that we awoke to enjoy the blessings and challenges of this new day.

It is by Your will and providence that You called our great country into being and entrusted leaders to steward and manage it on Your behalf. This is no easy task. The decisions that this body must make are difficult, complicated, and impact the lives of so many. I pray that Your Spirit would inhabit this Chamber and fill the hearts and minds of all who lead with the wisdom, discernment, and insight that only comes from You.

May all that takes place this day be an act of worship, honoring both You and the people we serve. To You be honor and glory. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. CAPITO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### SPECIALIST RICHARD A. HARDY

(Mr. NEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reflect upon the service and life of a great American, Specialist Richard A. Hardy, who was killed in action while fulfilling his duty to the United States of America.

Specialist Hardy was born in Timken, OH, and last resided in Newcomerstown, OH. He was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, out of Fort Benning, GA. Spe-

cialist Hardy gave the last full measure of devotion to his country in Ar Ramadi, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Madam Speaker, Specialist Hardy represents the best that America has to offer. I want to give my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Specialist Hardy. His sacrifice will not be forgotten. May God rest his soul.

### THE VALERIE PLAME INVESTIGATION

(Mr. NADLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, it is time for someone in the Bush administration to be held accountable for the leaking of the identity of a covert CIA operative. Washington Republicans are already attempting to minimize in advance the special prosecutor's findings. Anyone who does not believe leaking a CIA operative's identity is a serious breach of national security should listen to the words of our President's father, who served not only as President but as director of the CIA.

During a speech at the CIA in 1999 he said, "I have nothing but contempt and anger for those who betray the trust by exposing the names of our sources. They are, in my view, the most insidious of traitors." That is the President's father, a former Republican President himself.

While his son's administration is working in secret to destroy Joseph Wilson's name, it was the former President Bush who sent a letter to Wilson congratulating him for his service to his country and sending his sympathies that his wife's identity had been made public. President Bush should listen to his father. He should not condone these outrageous actions, should fire anyone involved, and hold them in utter contempt.

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